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AN ACT

To repeal sections 144.010, 265.300, 267.565, and 277.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to the designation of deer as livestock.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 144.010, 265.300, 267.565, and 277.020, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 144.010, 265.300, 267.565,

- 3 and 277.020, to read as follows:
- 144.010. 1. The following words, terms, and phrases when used in sections 144.010 to 144.525 have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except when the context indicates a different meaning:
 - (1) "Admission" includes seats and tables, reserved or otherwise, and other similar accommodations and charges made therefor and amount paid for admission, exclusive of any admission tax imposed by the federal government or by sections 144.010 to 144.525;
- 7 (2) "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person, or caused to be engaged 8 in by him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either direct or indirect, and the 9 classification of which business is of such character as to be subject to the terms of sections 0 144.010 to 144.525. The isolated or occasional sale of tangible personal property, service, 1 substance or thing by a person not engaged in such business, does not constitute engaging in
- substance, or thing, by a person not engaged in such business, does not constitute engaging in
- business within the meaning of sections 144.010 to 144.525 unless the total amount of the gross
- 13 receipts from such sales, exclusive of receipts from the sale of tangible personal property by
- 14 persons which property is sold in the course of the partial or complete liquidation of a household,

farm or nonbusiness enterprise, exceeds three thousand dollars in any calendar year. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to make any sale of property which is exempt from sales tax or use tax on June 1, 1977, subject to that tax thereafter;

- (3) "Captive wildlife", includes but is not limited to exotic partridges, gray partridge, northern bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, captive waterfowl, captive white-tailed deer, captive elk, and captive furbearers held under permit issued by the Missouri department of conservation for hunting purposes. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to sales tax on a harvested animal;
- (4) "Gross receipts", except as provided in section 144.012, means the total amount of the sale price of the sales at retail including any services other than charges incident to the extension of credit that are a part of such sales made by the businesses herein referred to, capable of being valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise; except that, the term "gross receipts" shall not include the sale price of property returned by customers when the full sale price thereof is refunded either in cash or by credit. In determining any tax due under sections 144.010 to 144.525 on the gross receipts, charges incident to the extension of credit shall be specifically exempted. For the purposes of sections 144.010 to 144.525 the total amount of the sale price above mentioned shall be deemed to be the amount received. It shall also include the lease or rental consideration where the right to continuous possession or use of any article of tangible personal property is granted under a lease or contract and such transfer of possession would be taxable if outright sale were made and, in such cases, the same shall be taxable as if outright sale were made and considered as a sale of such article, and the tax shall be computed and paid by the lessee upon the rentals paid;
- (5) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds, including but not limited to, ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk **and deer** documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, horses, other equine, or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption;
- (6) "Motor vehicle leasing company" shall be a company obtaining a permit from the director of revenue to operate as a motor vehicle leasing company. Not all persons renting or leasing trailers or motor vehicles need to obtain such a permit; however, no person failing to obtain such a permit may avail itself of the optional tax provisions of subsection 5 of section 144.070, as hereinafter provided;
- (7) "Person" includes any individual, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, association, corporation, municipal or private, and whether organized for profit or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, bureau or agency, except the state transportation department, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by the state

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or federal court, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number;

- (8) "Purchaser" means a person who purchases tangible personal property or to whom are rendered services, receipts from which are taxable under sections 144.010 to 144.525;
- (9) "Research or experimentation activities" are the development of an experimental or pilot model, plant process, formula, invention or similar property, and the improvement of existing property of such type. Research or experimentation activities do not include activities such as ordinary testing or inspection of materials or products for quality control, efficiency surveys, advertising promotions or research in connection with literary, historical or similar projects;
- (10) "Sale" or "sales" includes installment and credit sales, and the exchange of properties as well as the sale thereof for money, every closed transaction constituting a sale, and means any transfer, exchange or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible personal property for valuable consideration and the rendering, furnishing or selling for a valuable consideration any of the substances, things and services herein designated and defined as taxable under the terms of sections 144.010 to 144.525;
- (11) "Sale at retail" means any transfer made by any person engaged in business as defined herein of the ownership of, or title to, tangible personal property to the purchaser, for use or consumption and not for resale in any form as tangible personal property, for a valuable consideration; except that, for the purposes of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and the tax imposed thereby: (i) purchases of tangible personal property made by duly licensed physicians, dentists, optometrists and veterinarians and used in the practice of their professions shall be deemed to be purchases for use or consumption and not for resale; and (ii) the selling of computer printouts, computer output or microfilm or microfiche and computer-assisted photo compositions to a purchaser to enable the purchaser to obtain for his or her own use the desired information contained in such computer printouts, computer output on microfilm or microfiche and computer-assisted photo compositions shall be considered as the sale of a service and not as the sale of tangible personal property. Where necessary to conform to the context of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and the tax imposed thereby, the term "sale at retail" shall be construed to embrace:
- (a) Sales of admission tickets, cash admissions, charges and fees to or in places of amusement, entertainment and recreation, games and athletic events;
- (b) Sales of electricity, electrical current, water and gas, natural or artificial, to domestic, commercial or industrial consumers;
- (c) Sales of local and long distance telecommunications service to telecommunications subscribers and to others through equipment of telecommunications subscribers for the

transmission of messages and conversations, and the sale, rental or leasing of all equipment or
services pertaining or incidental thereto;

- (d) Sales of service for transmission of messages by telegraph companies;
- (e) Sales or charges for all rooms, meals and drinks furnished at any hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist camp, tourist cabin, or other place in which rooms, meals or drinks are regularly served to the public;
- (f) Sales of tickets by every person operating a railroad, sleeping car, dining car, express car, boat, airplane, and such buses and trucks as are licensed by the division of motor carrier and railroad safety of the department of economic development of Missouri, engaged in the transportation of persons for hire;
- (12) "Seller" means a person selling or furnishing tangible personal property or rendering services, on the receipts from which a tax is imposed pursuant to section 144.020;
- (13) The noun "tax" means either the tax payable by the purchaser of a commodity or service subject to tax, or the aggregate amount of taxes due from the vendor of such commodities or services during the period for which he or she is required to report his or her collections, as the context may require;
- (14) "Telecommunications service", for the purpose of this chapter, the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, coaxial cable, electronic impulses, or other similar means. As used in this definition, "information" means knowledge or intelligence represented by any form of writing, signs, signals, pictures, sounds, or any other symbols. Telecommunications service does not include the following if such services are separately stated on the customer's bill or on records of the seller maintained in the ordinary course of business:
- (a) Access to the internet, access to interactive computer services or electronic publishing services, except the amount paid for the telecommunications service used to provide such access;
 - (b) Answering services and one-way paging services;
- (c) Private mobile radio services which are not two-way commercial mobile radio services such as wireless telephone, personal communications services or enhanced specialized mobile radio services as defined pursuant to federal law; or
 - (d) Cable or satellite television or music services; and
- (15) "Product which is intended to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption" means tangible personal property, or any service that is subject to state or local sales or use taxes, or any tax that is substantially equivalent thereto, in this state or any other state.
- 2. For purposes of the taxes imposed under sections 144.010 to 144.525, and any other provisions of law pertaining to sales or use taxes which incorporate the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 by reference, the term "manufactured homes" shall have the same meaning given it in section 700.010.

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3. Sections 144.010 to 144.525 may be known and quoted as the "Sales Tax Law". 265.300. The following terms as used in sections 265.300 to 265.470, unless the context otherwise indicates, mean:

- 3 (1) "Adulterated", any meat or meat product under one or more of the circumstances 4 listed in Title XXI, Chapter 12, Section 601 of the United States Code as now constituted or 5 hereafter amended;
- 6 (2) "Capable of use as human food", any carcass, or part or product of a carcass, of any 7 animal unless it is denatured or otherwise identified, as required by regulation prescribed by the 8 director, to deter its use as human food, or is naturally inedible by humans;
 - (3) "Cold storage warehouse", any place for storing meat or meat products which contains at any one time over two thousand five hundred pounds of meat or meat products belonging to any one private owner other than the owner or operator of the warehouse;
 - (4) "Commercial plant", any establishment in which livestock or poultry are slaughtered for transportation or sale as articles of commerce intended for or capable of use for human consumption, or in which meat or meat products are prepared for transportation or sale as articles of commerce, intended for or capable of use for human consumption;
- 16 (5) "Director", the director of the department of agriculture of this state, or his authorized representative;
 - (6) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds including but not limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk **and deer** documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, or horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption;
 - (7) "Meat", any edible portion of livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof;
 - (8) "Meat product", anything containing meat intended for or capable of use for human consumption, which is derived, in whole or in part, from livestock or poultry;
- 25 (9) "Misbranded", any meat or meat product under one or more of the circumstances 26 listed in Title XXI, Chapter 12, Section 601 of the United States Code as now constituted or 27 hereafter amended;
- 28 (10) "Official inspection mark", the symbol prescribed by the director stating that an article was inspected and passed or condemned;
 - (11) "Poultry", any domesticated bird intended for human consumption;
- 31 (12) "Prepared", slaughtered, canned, salted, rendered, boned, cut up, or otherwise manufactured or processed;
- 33 (13) "Unwholesome":
- 34 (a) Processed, prepared, packed or held under unsanitary conditions;

35 (b) Produced in whole or in part from livestock or poultry which has died other than by slaughter.

267.565. Unless the context requires otherwise, as used in sections 267.560 to 267.660, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Accredited approved veterinarian", a veterinarian who has been accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the state department of agriculture and who is duly licensed under the laws of Missouri to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, or a veterinarian domiciled and practicing veterinary medicine in a state other than Missouri, duly licensed under laws of the state in which he resides, accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, and approved by the chief livestock sanitary official of that state;
- 9 (2) "Animal", an animal of the equine, bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine, or species domesticated or semidomesticated;
 - (3) "Approved laboratory", a laboratory approved by the department;
 - (4) "Approved vaccine" or "bacterin", a vaccine or bacterin produced under the license of the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the department for the immunization of animals against infectious and contagious disease;
 - (5) "Bird", a bird of the avian species;
 - (6) "Certified free herd", a herd of cattle, swine, goats or a flock of sheep or birds which has met the requirements and the conditions set forth in sections 267.560 to 267.660 and as required by the department and as recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture, and for such status for a specific disease and for a herd of cattle, swine, goats or flock of sheep or birds in another state which has met those minimum requirements and conditions under the supervision of the livestock sanitary authority of the state in which said animals or birds are domiciled, and as recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture for such status for a specific disease;
 - (7) "Condition", upon examination of any animal or bird in this state by the state veterinarian or his or her duly authorized representative, the findings of which indicate the presence or suspected presence of a toxin in such animal or bird that warrants further examination or observation for confirmation of the presence or nonpresence of such toxin;
 - (8) "Department" or "department of agriculture", the department of agriculture of the state of Missouri, and when by this law the said department of agriculture is charged to perform a duty, it shall be understood to authorize the performance of such duty by the director of agriculture of the state of Missouri, or by the state veterinarian of the state of Missouri or his duly authorized deputies acting under the supervision of the director of agriculture;
 - (9) "Holding period", restriction of movement of animals or birds into or out of a premise under such terms and conditions as may be designated by order of the state veterinarian

or his or her duly authorized representative prior to confirmation of a contagious disease or condition;

- (10) "Infected animal" or "infected bird", an animal or bird which shows a positive reaction to any recognized serological test or growth on culture or any other recognized test for the detection of any disease of livestock or poultry as approved by the department or when clinical symptoms and history justifies designating such animal or bird as being infected with a contagious or infectious disease;
- (11) "Isolated" or "isolation", a condition in which animals or birds are quarantined to a certain designated premises and quarantined separately and apart from any other animals or birds on adjacent premises;
 - (12) "Licensed market", a market as defined and licensed under chapter 277;
- (13) "Livestock", horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, ratite birds including but not limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk **and deer** documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild and raised in confinement for human consumption or animal husbandry, poultry and other domesticated animals or birds;
- (14) "Official health certificate" is a legal record covering the requirements of the state of Missouri executed on an official form of the standard size from the state of origin and approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state of origin or an equivalent form provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and issued by an approved, accredited, licensed, graduate veterinarian;
- (15) "Public stockyards", any public stockyards located within the state of Missouri and subject to regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture or the Missouri department of agriculture;
- (16) "Quarantine", a condition in which an animal or bird of any species is restricted in movement to a particular premises under such terms and conditions as may be designated by order of the state veterinarian or his duly authorized deputies;
- (17) "Traders" or "dealers", any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchange of livestock on any basis other than on a commission basis at any sale pen, concentration point, farm, truck or other conveyance including persons, firms or corporations employed as an agent of the vendor or purchaser excluding public stockyards under federal supervision or markets licensed under sections 267.560 to 267.660 and under the supervision of the department, breed association sales or any private farm sale.

277.020. The following terms as used in this chapter mean:

2 (1) "Livestock", cattle, swine, sheep, ratite birds including but not limited to ostrich and 3 emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk **and deer**

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4 documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild and raised in confinement for 5 human consumption or animal husbandry, goats and poultry, equine and exotic animals;

- (2) "Livestock market", a place of business or place where livestock is concentrated for the purpose of sale, exchange or trade made at regular or irregular intervals, whether at auction or not, except this definition shall not apply to any public farm sale or purebred livestock sale, or to any sale, transfer, or exchange of livestock from one person to another person for movement or transfer to other farm premises or directly to a licensed market;
- (3) "Livestock sale", the business of mediating, for a commission, or otherwise, sale, purchase, or exchange transactions in livestock, whether or not at a livestock market; except the term "livestock sale" shall not apply to order buyers, livestock dealers or other persons acting directly as a buying agent for any third party;
 - (4) "Person", individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations;
- 16 (5) "State veterinarian", the state veterinarian of the Missouri state department of agriculture.

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